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EXPORT OF DRY FRUITS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the kinds of dry fruits being exported by our country and to which countries;

(b) the quantum of dry fruits exported during each of the last three years and the foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(c) the measures taken to boost the exports of dry fruits to earn foreign exchange and to get maximum price in the international market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : The major dry fruit exported from India include cashew kernals, walnuts besides small quantities of raisins. These are exported to mainly Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, Japan,Germany, France, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Italy, Spain, Hongkong, UAE/USA and UK.

(b) The quantity and value of the above dry fruits exported during the last three years has been as follows:

Year	Quantity (M.Tons)	Value(Rs. crores)
1997-98	82431	1454.27
1998-99	81611	1879.60
1999-2000	NA	2486.48

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(c): The Government has been encouraging export of horticulture products including dry fruits through various support/assistance schemes which include the following:-

(i) Providing assistance for raising small and large nurseries for production of good quality planting material, upgradation of technical knowhow of farmers through demonstrations, training and publicity, rejuvenation of old orchards, area expansion, supply of minikits, improving productivity and training of farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone fruits;

(ii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, and strengthening of quality;

(iii) Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions;

(iv) Providing technical advisory services and other support services to, trade and industry including training of farmers for export production, quality control packaging, transport, etc.

(v) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, and strengthening of quality control including installation of latest ISO 9000/HACCP equipments at processing/export units;